

## NITTI REPORTED READY FOR FIUME COMPROMISE PLAN

Would Drop Claim for Link  
With Istria and Place Port  
Under League.

ROME, March 1.—Premier Nitti is disposed to accept a compromise settlement of the Adriatic question, according to the Messaggero.

By this arrangement, the newspaper says, Italy would not claim territorial continuity between Istria and Fiume on condition that the city be placed under Italian sovereignty.

The League of Nations, it is said, will be in charge of the administration of the port.

FIUME, Saturday Feb. 28 (Associated Press).—A siege of Fiume has begun with a stringent blockade against commodities, including food-stuffs.

The correspondent has gleaned opinions of all sorts in Fiume. Those of the citizens with whom he has talked seemed unanimous that the situation was critical and that the city now is in the deepest of despair financially and commercially.

"We are starving," said a prominent banker who previously had been a strong supporter of Italian annexation. "We are unable to go further. We now are ready for an international city. We want our port reopened to commerce. We want the city occupied either by an American or a British garrison. The present state is impossible."

LONDON, March 1.—Premier Nitti of Italy and Anton Trumbitch, head of the Jugo-Slav delegation, were in almost continuous conference over the week-end in an effort to arrive at

## WILSON "GERMS" WANTED ABROAD TO WAKE PREMIERS

Manchester Guardian Says Adriatic Notes Refute Stories of Loss of Force Through Illness.

MANCHESTER, England, March 1. PRESIDENT WILSON'S letters in the Adriatic correspondence, just published, are considered by the Guardian as a refutation "of the reports that his illness had caused some loss of mental force and balance." It asks: "If President Wilson is suffering from any malady of political judgment, could not some American bacteriologist convey us a few germs that we may inoculate our European Premiers?"

The Guardian continues: "One's chief regret in reading President Wilson's admirably phrased plea for a wise and honorable policy in the Adriatic is that it should have been left to him to frame it. One feels that England somehow has rendered her rightful part in the drama to an American. It is we who should have raised our voices first against the proposed terms of a settlement which expressed the very spirit we went to war to defeat. . . . We should all be grateful to Mr. Wilson for extracting us from a false position."

some mutually satisfactory compromise agreement for settlement of the Adriatic dispute.

The conference, it was believed, had the full approval of the Council of Premiers in view of President Wilson's suggestion that a direct settlement between Italy and Jugo-Slavia would be acceptable to the United States.

The Daily Telegraph said to-day it was known that a supplementary note from President Wilson to the Allied leaders is en route to London. The note may already have reached the Council, the newspaper added.

## WILSON AT WORK ON ADRIATIC NOTE

Preparing to Reply to Premier's Suggestion That U. S. Join In New Negotiations.

WASHINGTON, March 1.—President Wilson has begun work on his answer to the British and French Premiers on the Adriatic situation. In preparation for the actual drafting of his note he has written to Acting Secretary Polk at the State Department.

Mr. Wilson apparently was planning to make prompt reply to the Premier's suggestion that the United States join with the British and French governments in seeking to bring about a solution of the Adriatic problem through direct negotiations between Italy and Jugo-Slavia. It was noted here also that Rome despatches indicated that President Nitti of Italy already had opened conversations with the Jugo-Slav authorities to this end.

League Council to Take Up Russia On March 12.

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Italy to Link Trieste and Fiume By Rail.

ROME, March 1.—Orders have been issued for direct rail communication between Trieste and Fiume by the railway administration. Work will probably be started soon.

### ASQUITH RETURN BRILLIANT.

Ex-Premier Central Figure in Procession to Commons.

LONDON, March 1.—The return of former Premier Asquith to active service in Parliament to-day, as the result of his recent election to represent the Paisley constituency, attracted considerable attention in advance from both the press and the public.

The Times, in outlining the plans for the day, including a sort of triumphal procession from Cavendish Square to the House of Commons, with Mr. As-

quith as the central figure, remarked that the ex-Premier's return to the Commons was under conditions which usually accompany royal visits to Parliament and predicted a "tremendous reception" for the Liberal leader.

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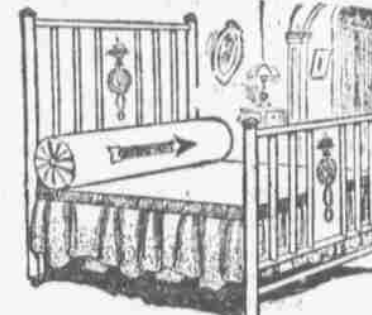


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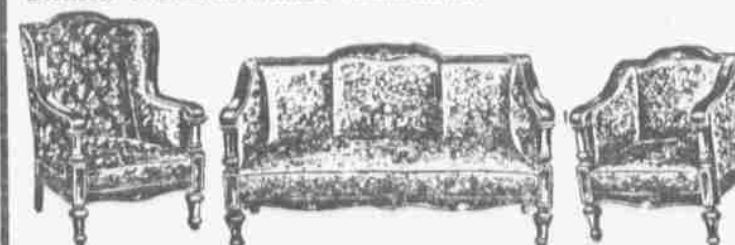
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